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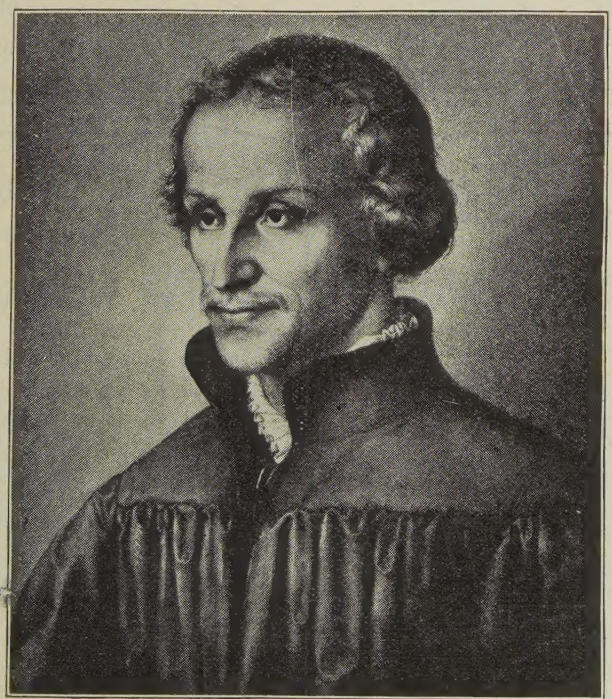

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# The Christian College

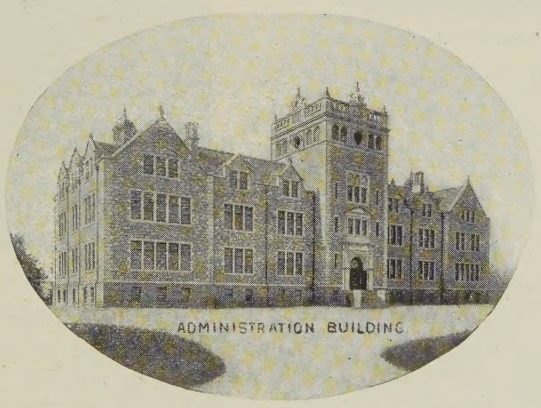
## And the Church

BY REV. JOHN A. W. HAAS, D.D.

IF there ever was a time when the American people needed the Christian college, it is at present. We are living in an age and a land in which there is no lack of education. But our education in its ideals and practice is suffering from two causes.

The first is the great influence of commercialism, which leads men to judge of all education in its money value, and according to its direct, practical commercial worth. Where such is the conception the true development of knowledge, and, above all, the growth of character and manhood in the harmony of truth, in inward beauty and balanced refinement are lost. With these how can growth in distinctive Christian truth keep its rightful place? Where will the educative function of the Christian Church be, if commercialism shall finally rule?

The second great cause which hinders true

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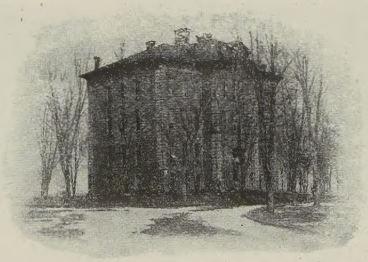

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A FEW OF OUR LUTHERAN INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

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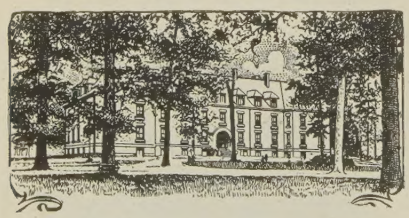
education is the merely natural idea of development. Much of education in theory and even more largely in practice, as found in our great institutions, rests not upon the Christian foundation of the unfolding of man to be a Man of God. The foundation is natural evolution. All spiritual and supernatural truth is neglected. Man is educated as the highest animal for time, not as an immortal soul for eternity. Many young educated men, because of this trend, bring disrepute on high learning

Hartwick Seminary, Hartwick Seminary, N. Y.

in the eyes of godly men and women. As wise old Plato said: "They get into a way of not believing anything which they believed before, and hence, not only they, but philosophy and all that relates to it is apt to have a bad name with the rest of the world." When belief is cast aside, what can the Church do?

Now, the Christian Church, the "pillar and foundation of truth," has a large, a mighty duty to educate men in whom all truth finds lodgment. Christian education rests upon the churches. They must present the ideal, in which the natural and supernatural, the earth-

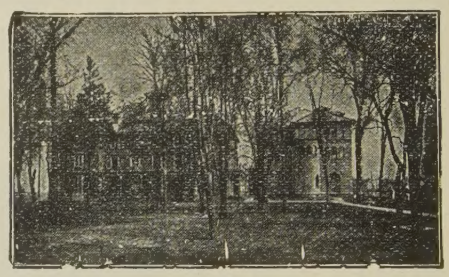


Elizabeth College, Charlotte, N. C.

ly and heavenly are united. They dare not neglect any true human fact and science; they cannot forget any real divine fact and evidence. With a liberality which is all inclusive, men must be educated. Not the breadth which is limited by natural standards and rejects the eternal, nor the wideness which tabooes the temporal, are the real attitude.

With such an ideal, wide, deep, high, the Church must devise liberal things. She must be as open handed as the secular giver for education. What is our ideal if we hamper its realization by smallness of gifts, by mean penury. The Church of today, and especially the Lutheran Church of America, with her splendid educational history in the Old World, must rise up to the greatest liberality and carry out the highest conceptions, if she is not to be untrue to her trust.

And, finally, Christians must be loyal to their colleges. Lutherans must be loyal to Lutheran institutions in sending their own children, not where most temporal advantage is to be gotten, but where soul and mind are equally developed. Thus only can our colleges be built up. Let us then decide on high grounds and for noble reasons, for "what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"



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### Important

There is need of the living voice. At one of our conventions recently attention was called to the per capita assessment of 10 cents adopted at Buffalo by the National Convention, and to be adopted by all our societies for the support of the national work. It was surprising to learn that this matter had escaped the attention of even some who had been at that great Lutheran gathering. Such, however, was the fact. There is need, therefore, to remind the officers of our societies to send in their 10 cents per capita to the National Treasurer as early as possible. Do not overlook this important matter. The amount from each one is very small, but the National Treasurer has use for this fund now, and each one can do much to help the work by giving this prompt attention. The Finance Committee are working on the perfecting of this system adopted by the National Convention in place of the old way, and they will appreciate the hearty co-operation of local treasurers and of District and State treasurers.

# Higher Education for Our Lutheran Girls

BY CHAS. B. KING, PRES. ELIZABETH COLLEGE.

SHOULD our Lutheran girls have a higher education?

In this day and time almost everyone is willing to admit that our young men stand in need of higher education. But when it comes to the training of our girls, the sentiment is radically different. This is in a great measure brought about by a wrong conception of the aim of education. The average person looks at the matter in this light: Our boys should go to college because the knowledge derived there will help them to earn their livelihood. Our girls, however, do not need higher education; they should be kept at home and be taught domestic duties.

The primary aim of higher education, however, is to develop the mental faculties; not to impart knowledge. Education adds nothing to a person, but merely increases the efficiency of the faculties already possessed. It enables one to do whatever is set before him or her in a more intelligent and efficient manner. Education is mind-training.

And do not our Lutheran girls, as well as boys, need trained minds? Their places in life are not of such minor importance that they should not fill them well.

Women make our best teachers. They are seemingly "to the manner born," and as such they are greatly in demand in the school room. This God-given faculty in a woman's nature ought to be developed to its highest perfection, so that she may be able to do more for herself and for the world at large.

But it is as a teacher in the home that woman finds her highest calling. Who can measure the influence of a mother in a child's early life? There is nothing that determines its character and prospects as much as its early training at the hands of its mother; to say nothing of the influence of heredity.

Our girls, then, have a grave responsibility resting upon them; a responsibility that requires all possible training and perfection to enable them to fulfill it. Can we afford to let our girls be without this training?

Do our Lutheran girls get a higher education? A single example will suffice to attest the fact that, as a rule, they do not. Recently one of our Lutheran colleges for women, which possesses a high curriculum, stood in need of a lady to fill one of the chairs in its faculty. After an exhaustive search for a Lutheran teacher possessing the necessary qualifications, it had to choose a lady of another denomination; simply because no competent Lutheran could be found. This shows that there is a place in the Lutheran Church for women with a higher education. Our female colleges have been increasing in efficiency, and there has not been a proportionate increase in the capability of our teachers.

The duty then devolves upon us as parents and Lutherans to see that our girls are not neglected; but that they have all educational advantages; "That our daughters may be as cornerstones, polished after the similitude of palaces."

# Lutheran Education in America

REV. FREDERICK G. GOTWALD, GEN. SEC. GENERAL SYNOD, BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE cultus of the Lutheran Church is essentially educational. In her dealings with the individual; in her influence in the home; in her ecclesiastical usages; in her relation with the State; in all of her history and activity she fully emphasizes the educational spirit and method.

It is most natural that she utilizes the school, the college and the university in her propaganda. Born in an university, her leaders have been the flower of the highest scholastic culture. Her parochial schools and her catechetical methods make her laity the best trained in that word which is able to save their souls. The Lutheran Church has ever kept in view the well-balanced relationship between mind and body, between heart and soul. She would cultivate and glorify the whole man and thus produce a symmetrical Christian character.

In America this message and method are greatly needed. On the one hand is intellectual pride, on the other physical vanity; on the one hand spiritualistic heresy, on the other sociological vagary. America needs the

Lutheran educational ideal and example. Let our Church proceed to furnish this more and more. In point of age we are at a great disadvantage. Harvard was 200 years old when the first Lutheran college was founded at Gettysburg. But since 1832 our Church, through her varied Synods and manifold nationalities, has rendered a magnificent service in the right and higher culture of thousands of young Americans.

For the future it seems wise to follow the plan of concentration and co-operation wherever possible, so that there be no waste of resources or unnecessary friction. Thus, by a comprehensive correlation of our various educational efforts there shall develop a churchly system worthy of our history and our theory, and we shall present an educational edifice, from kindergarten to university, which shall surpass our European glory.

# College Men and Religion

BY I. S. RUNYON.

NOT a year of one's life in college goes by, perhaps not a month goes by, without bringing from some good authority a warning against idleness, indifference, and every form of carelessness of time and opportunity. College men and women are rightfully urged to be studious, thoughtful, and earnest. The reason given for these warnings and injunctions is that in college one is forming character and acquiring mental training to equip him for leadership among his fellowmen.

The present generation is being led, in most lines of thought and activity, by its college bred men, and we have every reason to expect that the next few generations will see not much, if any, departure from this rule. Rather may we expect to see the college man more and more looked up to for leadership. False ideas and superficial knowledge are likely to be much more largely discounted by "the common people" in the future than they are to-day. Ripe judgment and profound knowledge of things are likely to be much more nearly universally respected and followed by "the common people" in the future than they are to-day. Hence instructors and advisors are fully justified in enjoining upon the college man the utmost care in his preparation for leadership.

And now arises the question: If opportunities for guiding men to right principles and successful methods in the arts and sciences, in mechanics and industry, in finance and sociology, in politics and philanthropy, are great, are not they just as great for leading men to a right appreciation and understanding of religion? If men look up to the college bred man to be shown the way to utilize best the forces of nature, will not they look to him to guide them, also, in their search after nature's God?

To-day it is a lamentable fact that the leaders among men in art, science, literature, mechanics, finance, sociology, politics, and even in philanthropy, are not, as a rule, leaders in positive and orthodox religious thought. Here and there we see a notable exception to this rule, and, observing some men who exemplify the rule and others who stand out as conspicuous exceptions, we are able to find the reason for this fact. The reason is that most men do not continue their study of religion as a separate subject after they have begun their college education. They allow secular subjects to absorb their attention entirely. They grow mentally, and their increase of knowledge of these secular subjects on which their minds feed, keeps pace with the growth. But in knowledge of religion they do not increase. They retain their childhood's ideas of this subject. In time, of course, they become conscious of the childishness of these ideas, make the mistake of concluding that religion has nothing better to offer, and promptly relegate the whole subject to the sphere of children, emotional people, and mental weaklings.

Two significant facts should be very carefully considered by every college man. The first is that some of the profoundest thinkers this world has ever seen, in this or any other age of the Christian era, have been pronounced and intelligent Christians. The second is that all that is best in the social and moral life of this and every other civilized country is based upon principles that are distinctively Christian. The boasted charity and philanthropy of our day, even, cannot account for their existence except upon the basis of the principles Christ taught, and where His religion is not taught, our standards of good will to men are not found, but lower ones prevail. Men who make

large gifts of money, time and energy to benefit their fellowmen, and deny that the Christian religion is in any way responsible for their generosity, are simply deceiving themselves. These men themselves are the product of the Christian religion. Their whole moral character was moulded under its influence, and the only reason they are not believers in it and advocates of it is that their minds are not educated in it. They tried to make their childish ideas of it last them throughout life.

The summary of facts that we have observed is: Religion is the starting point for education and the fundamental basis of moral character; and the human family in its search for knowledge and its effort to build moral character is dependent for leadership upon its thoroughly educated sons. This makes very plain the duty of these favored sons. It is that they lead in religion as well as in secular thought —that they teach men to know God, as well as to know and use the forces and materials in God's world.

And the process of qualifying for leadership in religion is not different in character from that employed in education in the sciences. A conscientious and thorough study of the fundamental principles of the Christian religion, especially from the standpoint of one's own Church, is necessary. Subsequently, throughout life, there must be the supplementary work of increasing, revising and clarifying one's store of knowledge, so that his conception of the principles of religion may not fall below the standard he applies to other subjects.

# The League's Success or Failure

## Must Be Judged by Its Educational Influence

BY REV. CHARLES L. FRY, THE LITERATURE SECRETARY.

IN proportion as the League adheres strictly to its legitimate province as an educational factor, it will enhance the efficiency of every other society in the congregation, by stimulating the people's intelligent loyalty and zeal as members of the great Mother Church of Protestant Christianity. Now that we have come to the threshold of our celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Luther League's organization, let us rightly apprehend what is one of the chief, all-controlling principles which justifies its existence as a separate and distinct agency of the Church's work.

As a matter of course, every association has a definite type of its own, corresponding to its peculiar motive and aim. A military organization is specifically military in every phase and feature. It has no other than military ends in view.

A social club is based on social affinities. Its ties bind together in the bonds of social fraternity those who belong to the same social set and have the same social tastes.

A commercial brotherhood means identity of commercial interests and pursuits, without which it would dissolve and go to pieces. The making of money is its one all-absorbing, all-controlling bond of union. Political organizations exist solely for political parties. Any young man who would be an enthusiastic and efficient member must believe with all his might in the principles for which his party stands, and strive earnestly to promulgate his political faith as widely as possible. And how often does political ardor put religious ardor to shame! How often, alas! is this fact illustrated in the same man—very fervid in political convictions, and very lukewarm in religious convictions!

This brings us to the point. Just as a military organization is based on military affinities, and a social organization is based on social affinities, and a commercial organization is based on commercial affinities, and a political organization is based on political affinities, so a religious organization (and that spells our name) is based on spiritual affinities. In proportion as our spiritual affinities are strong, definite, deep-rooted, our organization, our Luther League of America, is strong precisely to that extent. In the measure that our spiritual affinities are indefinite, hazy, shallow, our League, and of course our Church too, are weak to that degree.

From this viewpoint the League has a higher and broader mission to fulfill than either a financial or a social organization. Its educational function underlies and overtops every other, and dare never be made subservient to any other. So far from being a rival of any other society, it was meant to aid them all, by quickening our people's pulse through a

vigorous apprehension of what their grand old Church stands for in Protestant Christendom. In how far have we succeeded in this respect? Do we classify such commodities as Lutheran books in the category of things useful, or merely ornamental? Are they luxuries, or are they necessities?

What would our Lutheran young people answer to the following questions: Did our Church fulfill her mission in the world by beginning the great work of the Reformation in the sixteenth century? Is that glory enough for any one Church, and ought she to rest content with that? Is she, on the other hand, as necessary for the continuance of Protestantism as for its beginning? Is there an element of Gospel truth, the sacramental element, which would drop out of Christendom if the Lutheran Church would drop out? Is this sacramental element vital? Is Christianity itself conceivable to you without it?

If this spiritual conviction be to us

"The tie that binds,
As kindred minds,"

then will we be thrilled with the profound sense that our Church has something to contribute to American Christendom which it needs, and for which it never was more ready than it is to-day.

Our young people are the hope of the future, and their one only requisite for the fulfillment of their marvelous opportunities is a clear, strong, intelligent Lutheran consciousness.

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# National Lutheran Christian Endeavor Union

IN connection with the Christian Endeavor Convention in Baltimore, the Lutheran Rally was held in the First Lutheran Church. At this time a constitution was adopted giving the meeting organic form as a National Lutheran Christian Endeavor Union. This rally will be held in connection with the conventions of the Christian Endeavor. After the devotional services some routine business was transacted. The pastor, Rev. Dr. E. K. Bell, welcomed the rally and Rev. Edwin Hadlock, Ph. D., San Francisco, responded. Rev. Edwin Heyl Delk, D. D., of Philadelphia, spoke on "Christian Endeavor a Missionary"; Rev. C. H. Butler, of Washington, D. C., spoke on "Christian Endeavor and the Reformation"; Rev. Chas. S. Trump, Martinsburg, W. Va., spoke on "Christian Endeavor, What it Is and What It Does." The concluding address was by Rev. A. S. Hartman, D. D., General Secretary of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, Baltimore, on "Possibilities." The retiring president, Rev. P. A. Heilman, D. D., spoke a few earnest words of counsel, and the rally was over and the guests separated. The officers are: President, Rev. Luther De Yoe; Rev. John Weidley, Pittsburgh, vice president; Mr. Jas. O. Moul, of Baltimore, secretary, and Rev. Stanley Billheimer, York Springs, Pa., treasurer. These officers also constitute an executive committee. It was regrettable that a number of speakers whose names appeared on the program were not present, however. It was quite late when the meeting, which was well attended, adjourned. One feature of the convention to be mentioned was the presence of Rev. Dr. Hatch, of the Congregational Church, who had been some years in India as a missionary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor and who bore testimony to the excellent character of the foreign mission work of the General Synod in the Guntur field.

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A Sentiment.

The influence of denominations, like that of individuals, depends, to a great extent, on their attitude to educational matters.

S. B. Hefelbower,
Pres. Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg.

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Our badge has a cross within a heart. But that does not make us a Christian or Luther Leaguer. But to be a true Luther Leaguer, or a true Christian, is to have in our hearts the cross of Christ as our inspiration. To declare all of Christ and His work in one word is to express it in unselfishness—to do—to give—to work.

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Beware of a religion of mere sentiment which gazes, and sighs, and wishes, but makes no sacrifice, which hides the cross with flowers, and wears it over, but not within, the heart. Beware of a religion which costs you nothing, never rises an hour earlier, never denies itself a pleasure, never gives that which it will miss, for the sake of Christ and the soul.

# Tenth Anniversary of the Luther League

**October 31, 1905**

TEN years, a decade, will have passed in October of this year since the Luther League of America was organized in the First Lutheran Church of Pittsburg, Pa. On the last two days of October, 1895, the 400 delegates from twenty different States, in convention assembled, in answer to the previously issued call, organized the National Society. The call for this convention was issued by committees representing the State Luther Leagues of New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Kansas. This call urged "the attendance of members of Lutheran societies of whatever name and, however synodically related, who would sustain the endeavor of a national Luther League to quicken by churchly methods, especially among our youth, a clearer consciousness of Christian faith and to promote among them a practical Christian life." As a result of this call, on Thursday, October 31, 1895, the Luther League of America was created by the deliberate action of the duly accredited delegates from all parts of the country and different Lutheran Synods throughout the United States.

Some of those interested in this movement in these memorable ten years have entered on rest. Among those eminent in the councils of the Church are Revs. John G. Morris, D. D., L. L. D., E. F. Moldenke, D. D., S. B Barintz, D. D., H. Louis Baugher, D. D., Samuel Domer, D. D., Carl A. Swenson, D. D., Hon. M. D. Harter, Mr. F. T. Huber, Mr. H. J. Haendle, Mr. A. C. Close and others have joined the silent majority who were actively interested in this first convention. Others are still with us and active in the work they helped inaugurate. In a resumé of these ten years Mr. E. Aug. Miller summarizes as follows the accomplishments of the Luther League in Pennsylvania alone.

What then has been accomplished by this Luther League the past ten years? In this utilitarian age, the right to exist and live must be proven, not by principle or profession alone, but by accomplishment. "Why cumbereth it the ground?" asked the husbandman of the parable concerning the unfruitful tree. To be void in useful result and lacking in accomplishment makes of any organization a cumberer of the ground. Is the Luther League, then, after an existence of ten years, able to justify its right to life by pointing to aught of useful accomplishment?

In the first place, has it not set the Church to thinking? Here was a mighty force and energy in the Church that in large measure was not utilized, but allowed to lie dormant. The Church at large seemed ignorant of her youth as an active, energetic force. This power being set in motion, through the agency of the League, has made the Church think. If only men everywhere could be made to stop and think, how comparatively easy would be the evangelization of the world. 'Twas when the Prodigal sat down and thought that the desire to return to that father's house grew within him, which led to his arising and going to the father. Everywhere active operation and utilization of force follow the thinking.

In the second place, the League has organized an effective, active force in the Church. Power without organized agencies for utilization is of little if any value. The same force and energy which is made active and efficient through the agency of the League would lack all its vital power and lose much if not all its accomplishment if unorganized. It is through this organization of our young people that our Reading Course, our Topics, and the whole awakening of this dormant force within the Church has become an actuality.

Then, again, this Luther League in the past ten years has planted seeds of missionary activity. The Church is coming more and more to a realization of the fact that congregational life is so interwoven with missionary activity that the lack of one surely means the lack of the other. The Luther League has sought in season and out of season to awaken its members to their responsibility in obeying the Lord's preascension commandment to preach the Gospel to all the world.

The Luther League has also encouraged among its members a wider knowledge of the church, her faith, history and needs. Examine if you will the programs of these conventions, and glance at the topics arranged for papers and discussions, and see how great the effort has been to assist in the education. What object have the reading courses other than to make our members "lively stones" in that spiritual house of which Christ Himself is the corner stone?

Finally, do we feel justified in saying that this movement has deepened among its members a religious consciousness? Paul at Athens charged the people that they were too superstitious or religious. If Paul were to preach in any of our large cities today certainly he could not make the same assertion concerning their people. Time and energy are so spent in making money that religion is given but little attention. As against this prevailing tendency of the times the Church must use her best endeavors. The League as an agency of and in the Church we believe, in a measure at least, is doing this. These things which she has done and is doing, which are revealed in the REVIEW of the past ten years, we believe, justify her existence.

What is said of Pennsylvania may be said

and more wherever the Luther League has gone and been properly conducted. There has been a quickened interest in missions, in education, in Lutheran literature and in Christian giving. It has stimulated interest on the part of our young people in the deaconess work and encouraged young men to enter the ranks of the Gospel ministry. It has stimulated increased Christian activity and promoted a Lutheran acquaintance among our household of faith all over the land and among the different Lutheran bodies.

Better organized and equipped, the Luther League of America faces toward the future for even greater work for the Church than in the past. It would enlist the sympathy and co-operation of all our Lutheran young people's organizations wherever they exist. Within their local activities it would encourage increased benevolence for the work of missions, the cause of Christian education, increase in the two ministries of the Church, namely, young men for the pulpit and deaconesses for works of mercy; regard for the destitute and the orphan, and, affirming the superiority of the spiritual and the inferiority of the material, it would foster loyalty to the Church of which Christ is the great head and fidelity to the pastor, who is the under shepherd of the flock, at the same time insisting on a higher type of personal piety in each member.

"Of the Church, By the Church, For the Church," it has the Lutheran methods and Lutheran spirit, and within its borders the Lutheran genius and cultus finds a hearty welcome. Knowing our Lutheran problems it would deal with Lutheran positions in the Lutheran way. It recognizes the legally constituted Lutheran Church authorities, and would prove itself in the future, as it has shown itself in the past, to be a loyal servant of the great Lutheran Church, great because it is Christian.

As we come to the close of the first decennial of our existence it has been thought advisable to suggest an anniversary observance of the occasion of the organization of the Luther League of America. The suggestion is that local or district Leagues at once arrange a suitable program for the meeting they may hold nearest the date of October 31. This will allow local conditions to be met. It would be well if this meeting could be in the nature of a public rally, with such features as could be arranged for by local committees. It has been thought best to leave this matter of the anniversary celebration to be managed largely by local committees thoroughly acquainted with local conditions, but to suggest that all our societies be urged to observe October 31, 1905, as the anniversary of the Luther League of America. Remember the date and begin to arrange now for its suitable observance.

# Luther League Topics for 1906

Rev. George H. Schnur, Topics Secretary of the L. L. of A.

WE are nearing the close of the eleventh year of our "Topics." They have been eleven eventful years in both State and Church. Our own Church has made commendable progress in numbers, missions, unity and internal development in every line.

Our Luther League of America will celebrate her tenth anniversary in October of the present year. It will be with joy and gratitude to God that He has guided us by His Providence through so many difficulties and given us such a splendid measure of success.

May we be allowed to say that much of the success of our Luther League centres in and hinges on the weekly devotional meeting when the Topics are studied and woven into the woof and warp of our spiritual being? We are grateful for the appreciation of the "Topics," shown in the continuing increase of the subscription list. But improvement is the order of the day. And each quarter we try to work in the best ideas that come to us in friendly criticism.

Below we publish the schedule of Themes and Texts of the "Luther League Topics" for the next Church Year, beginning with Advent, 1905. As has been our custom for some years and as adopted at Buffalo last year, we continue the scheme of giving doctrinal, historical, missionary and practical subjects, assigning suitable Biblical themes to the Festival Days.

The sixteen "Doctrinal" topics during the

year, continuing the course in Luther's Catechism follow Parts IV and V, making a connected series on the Sacraments and bringing out vital reasons why we are Lutherans. Study them carefully. There are ten historical and ten missionary topics, one for each month except the vacation months of July and August. For these two hot weather months there is provided a distinct series of nine practical topics that every Luther Leaguer needs to meditate upon, whether at home or abroad. They are all easy, practical and profitable.

We wish publicly to thank most heartily all the writers who have so kindly given "The Luther League Topics" the benefit of their time and talents during the current year. The Rev. Frank P. Bossart, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Lima, Ohio, has already selected the daily Bible Readings for the year, and the Rev. C. Armand Miller, D.D., of Holy Trinity Church, New York City, will continue to furnish his helpful reviews of Doctrinal, Biblical and Practical Topics in the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW.

We have a request to make. During this fall and winter, if any of our Luther League workers have any suggestions to offer as to subjects, general schemes or kinds of themes for future years, please take a little time and a post card and write the editor of the "Topics" your ideas. The Topics Committee are always glad to have suggestions and will give all criticisms their due weight. For it is our wish to plan for the best interests of the whole League, which can be done intelligently only when our leaders and workers of every State give us their ideas and needs.

## Themes and Texts for 1906.

ADVENT, 1905.

December 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.

I. Doctrinal—WHAT IS BAPTISM? John 3: 5-8.
II. Missionary—OUR INDIA MISSIONS: EDUCATIONAL. Romans 10: 11-15.
III. Historical—THE NICENE CREED. Jude 3-4.
Christmas. Biblical—NO ROOM FOR JESUS. Luke 2: 7.
End of Year. Practical—A TALE THAT IS TOLD. Psalm 90: 9-17.

EPIPHANY, 1906.

January 7, 14, 21, 28. February 4, 11, 18, 25.

I. Missionary—OUR INDIA MISSIONS: MEDICAL. 2 Tim. 4: 9-18.
II. Doctrinal—JOHN'S BAPTISM versus CHRISTIAN BAPTISM. Acts 19: 1-7.
III. Missionary—PARISH DEACONESSES. Romans 16: 1-6.
IV. Historical—ANSGAR, THE APOSTLE OF THE NORTH. Isaiah 43: 1-7
V. Missionary—OUR INDIA MISSIONS: EVANGELISTIC. Acts 8: 4-8.
Septuagesima. Historical—LUTHER'S CATECHISMS. Ezra 7: 25-28.
Sexagesmia. Doctrinal—THE MODE OF BAPTISM. Ezek. 36: 25-27; Matt. 28: 19 (R. V.).
Quinquagesima. Historical—SAVONAROLA AND HIS TIMES. Acts 7: 54; 8: 1.

LENT.

March 4, 11, 18, 25. April 1.

I. Doctrinal—THE BENEFITS OF BAPTISM. Mark 16: 16; Acts 2: 37-42.
II. Doctrinal—THE WASHING OF REGENERATION. Titus 3: 4-7.
III. Doctrinal—THE SIGNIFICANCE OF BAPTISM. Ephesians 4: 20-24.
IV. Doctrinal—THE MEANING OF ROMANS 6: 4. Romans 6: 4.
V. Missionary—SPENDING TIME AND MONEY FOR CHRIST. Exodus 35: 4-19.
Palm Sunday. Biblical—"BEHOLD, THY KING COMETH!" John 12: 12-19.

EASTERTIDE.

April 22, 29. May 6, 13, 20, 27.

Easter. Biblical—RISEN WITH CHRIST. Colossians 2: 20; 3: 4.
I. Historical—THE DIET AT SPEYER. Acts 20: 28-31.
II. Practical—THE LUTHER LEAGUE FOR LUTHERAN YOUNG PEOPLE. Joel 2: 28-32.
III. Doctrinal—WHO SHOULD BE BAPTIZED? Matt. 28: 19 (R. V.); Acts 2: 39.
IV. Missionary—MISSIONARY LITERATURE FOR OUR WOMEN'S SOCIETIES. Acts 16: 4-5.
V. Doctrinal—BAPTIZED CHILDREN ARE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH. Genesis 17: 9-14; Galations 3: 26-29.
Exaudi. Historical—LUTHER'S POWERFUL FRIENDS. Nehemiah 2: 1-8.

PENTECOST AND TRINITY.

Third Quarter.

June 17, 24. July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. August 5, 12, 19, 26.

Pentecost. Biblical—THE PROMISE OF POWER. John 14: 23-31.
Trinity. Missionary—FATHER HEYER. 2 Corinthians 6: 1-10.
I. Doctrinal—WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED ABOUT BAPTISM? 1 Peter 3: 20-21; 2 Peter 3: 18.
II. Historical—THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION, THE MAGNA CHARTA OF LUTHERANISM. Matthew 16: 13-18.
III. Practical—A CHRISTIAN NATION. Isaiah 60: 12-22.
IV. Practical—A CHRISTIAN HOME. Genesis 18: 17-19; Ephesians 6: 1-9.
V. Practical—CHRISTIAN TRAINING IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. Proverbs 22: 6; 2 Timothy 3: 14-17.
VI. Practical—CATECHISATION. Isaiah 28: 9-13.
VII. Practical—CONFIRMATION: WHAT IT MEANS. 1 Peter 5: 6-11.
VIII. Practical—OBLIGATIONS OF THE CONFIRMED. Luke 9: 57-62.
IX. Practical—CHRISTIAN LIFE: CHURCH ATTENDANCE. Hebrews 10: 19-25.
X. Practical—CHRISTIAN LIFE: BIBLE STUDY. John 5: 39-47.
XI. Practical—CHRISTIAN LIFE: PRAYER. John 16: 23-30.

FOURTH QUARTER.

September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. October 7, 14, 21. November 4, 11, 18, 25.

XII. Doctrinal—CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: IN THE MORNING SERVICE. Psalm 32: 1-8.
XIII. Missionary—MISSIONS AMONG THE AMERICAN INDIANS. Acts 19: 11-20.
XIV. Doctrinal—CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: THE PREPARATORY SERVICE. I John 1: 5-10.
XV. Historical—ULRICH ZWINGLI. Judges 12: 1-7.
XVI. Practical—LEAGUE ORGANIZATION. II Samuel 5: 22-25.
XVII. Doctrinal—CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: AUGSBURG CONFESSION, ART. XI. Matthew 16: 19-20; John 20: 21-23.
XVIII. Missionary—CHRISTIAN GIVING. I Cor. 16: 1-4; Luke 6: 38.
XIX. Doctrinal—WHAT IS THE SACRAMENT OR THE ALTAR? I Corinthians 11: 23-26.
Reformation. Historical—LUTHER, THE PROFESSOR. I Samuel 3: 19-21

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# Luther League Topics

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity. Sept. 3, 1905.

## The Grace of God

Titus 2: 11-14.

Doctrinal Topic Reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller, D.D.

Questions to be answered in brief papers: What is grace? Why is this the "age of grace"? For whom is grace intended and how is it received?

Lessons for our own lives: 1. *Grace is free.* When we depend upon ourselves, or upon anything that we can do for our salvation; when, searching our hearts for our hope of eternal life, we find them set upon the goodness of our lives, or the honesty of our intentions and efforts; when we build upon the fact that we have never harmed any one, that we have given to the Church, that we have complied with the outward obligations of religion; when we even trust in our trust, expect forgiveness because we are believers—we forget that we are saved, if at all, by grace. God's free, undeserved mercy is the only hope of a sinner, and when Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to earth, grace appeared, and it is this grace, nothing else in the universe, that bringeth salvation. There is no possibility of purchasing salvation, or of earning it, by gifts or goodness of ours. Eternal life is the free gift of God. Salvation is not to be obtained, dragged into our lives, compelled or bought. It is "brought" and grace brings it. Our Lord is grace incarnate, and His appearance brings salvation. There is no other way in which it comes or can come to any race or tribe. Grace bringeth salvation to all men. The man who would have it must receive it, simply as an unmerited boon. He trusts in God's mercy, revealed and made available through Jesus Christ, and on this sole condition he receives. Grace bringeth salvation to him.

2. *Grace involves responsibility.* After grace brings salvation (it is impossible before this), good works are in place. Grace does another thing, it instructs, it teaches, and the lesson of grace is twofold. We are to deny, steadily, constantly, positively, "ungodliness and worldly lusts"; and we are to "live soberly and righteously and godly in this present world." A denial, and an assertion of momentous import, and inevitably involved in the reception of the gift of grace. The idea that we can receive the gift—salvation—and reject the teaching of grace is absurd and destructive. To whom has grace brought salvation? To those, and to no others, who have, receiving the gift, learned the lesson of grace. Be not deceived. Ask yourself whether you have met the responsibility. And God give you grace continually!

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Twelfth Sunday after Trinity. Sept. 10, 1905.

## Missionary Work of the German Iowa Synod

Acts 28: 22-31.

*Study* in preparing topic: How opposition promotes growth of the Church; the spirit of giving in Missions; the stability of the evangelical Gospel; study carefully the Scripture passage as indicating a New Testament missionary method. In preparing topic consult "Lutherans in All Lands," pages 808-811; "The Lutherans in America" (Reading Course), pages 386-394; Lutheran Cyclopedia, page 502.

For the sake of peace Abraham gave Lot his choice of pasturage. When Lot pitched his tent toward Sodom, Abraham withdrew his camp from contact with Lot's possessions, for they were brethren, and he desired to avoid strife. This scriptural principle was involved in organizing the German Iowa Synod, which was effected August 24, 1854.

Rev. Messrs. Grossman and Deindorfer left the Franconian colonies of Michigan and removed to Iowa. At St. Sebald, Ia., Revs. Geo. Grossman, John Deindorfer, and S. Fritschel, with one lay delegate, organized the German Iowa Synod. There were three congregations, one of which had not less than six families at this time.

The growth of this body was due to the spirit of missions. It is itself an illustration of the missionary work of the body. In 1855 there were 5 ministers and 5 congregations; 1856, 9 ministers and 8 congregations; 1858, 18 ministers and 31 congregations; 1861; 36 ministers and 50 congregations; 1864, 47 ministers and 65 congregations; 1865, 50 ministers, 70 congregations, and 6,000 communicants; 1873, 100 ministers and 143 congregations; 1891, 6 districts containing 376 ministers, 563 organized congregations and 204 mission stations; and in 1904, 473 ministers, 868 congregations, and 90,589 members.

In 1891 their gifts to Home Missions were $3,085.61, and for Foreign Missions $2,678.55,

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while in 1904 they gave a total of $67,259.28 to Missions and benevolence. These figures show the missionary character of this splendid body of Lutherans. There is a standing Committee on Missions which receives voluntary contributions for the missionary work of the Synod from the congregational societies. These societies were organized in 1887. From the voluntary contributions of the churches of the Synod that body receives all the money necessary for the support of its extensive missionary operations.

The foreign mission work of this Synod is carried on in co-operation with the General Council, with which it holds fraternal though not organic relations. It contributes to the Leipzig, Neuendettelsau and Hermansburg missions.

Its home missionary work is pushed with vigorous energy. It maintains missions among the Indians. Since 1894 it has engaged in mission work in Chicago among the Jews. Its home mission work is very extensive and is earnestly pushed. The missionaries of the Synod are scattered all over America from Ohio to the Pacific coast and from the Dakotas to the Gulf. This mission work is systematically organized, and the future has promise of richer blessings than the past.

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Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity. Sept. 17, 1905.

### How Is God's Grace Conferred?

Rom. 10: 11-21.

Doctrinal Topic Reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller, D.D.

Questions to be answered in brief papers: What is the source of grace? How does God impart grace? How has God used and does He still use means for other ends than salvation? Have we a right to expect grace otherwise than through the appropriate means?

Lessons for our own lives: 1. God works through means. This is a principle of the Divine economy. It is God's way of accomplishing His will. He might have chosen some other way, but He did not. He would give victory to His people, and though He makes it plain that His is the power that bestows the triumph, He calls upon Gideon's three hundred to use the means through which He will work, and the Midianites are confounded by the Lord, through the men, the pitchers, torches and trumpets—the means which God employs for this, His purpose. It is God, certainly, who heals Naaman of his leprosy, but the Divine healing is wrought through the means—the seven baptisms with the waters of Jordan—appointed for this end. It is God who feeds the hungry multitudes on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, but He does it through the few loaves and fishes, which He is pleased to constitute as the means of His creative work. And, today, He feeds the hungry peoples of the earth, using as His means of bread giving the seed and the sunshine and the rain and the labors of man. Today He heals the sick, making use of the means, the remedies He has provided, teaching men to learn their virtues, and giving skill rightly to apply them. It is His way, which is evident in every sphere of human want, relieved by Divine beneficence.

It cannot be strange, then, to any thoughtful man that in the realm of grace God is consistent with Himself. We do not expect anything else than that He should provide means of grace, in the use of which His grace is imparted and received. We come to the waters of baptism then, or to the preaching of the Word, or to the Sacrament of the Altar, not as if we were doing some good work, but that we may receive, believingly, the grace of God, which alone can bless and build us up in spiritual things. How we should thank Him for the clearness and the simplicity of His provision for our deepest needs!

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Fourteenth Week after Trinity. Sept. 24, 1905.

### John Wiclif

Historical Topic Reviewed by the Rev. Clarence E. Gardner.

I Sam. 8: 1-9.

*His Birth and Early Training.* John Wiclif, familiarly known in Church history as "the Morning Star of the Reformation," was born about A.D. 1324 near Richmond, in Yorkshire, England, a century and a half before Luther's birth. At the age of sixteen we find Wiclif a student in Merton College at Oxford—the college distinguished for scholastic doctors, the college of Islip, of Bradwardine, of Occam, and most likely of Duns Scotus. From this institution he received the title of Evangelical or Gospel Doctor. His biographers say he was the most eminent man in the university, and familiar with the writings of St. Augustine and Jerome as well as Aristotle. At thirty-two he wrote a tract on the last ages of the Church. At thirty-six he attacked the mendicant orders, and his career as a reformer began.

*The Condition of the Church at this Time.*

—We can but hint at some of the evils that confronted Wiclif, against which he raised his voice. The Church and State were under the power of Roman pontiffs. Popes had exercised certain prerogatives which made them offensive to the people. Peter's pence was collected from the people. The State was in a condition of revolt. The Dominican and Franciscan orders had rapidly multiplied. Their members infested every town and village. "They sold indulgences, invented pious frauds, they were covetous under pretence of poverty, they had become luxurious in their lives, they slandered the regular clergy, they usurped the prerogatives of parish priests, they enriched their convents, they accommodated themselves to the wishes of the great, and were marked by those peculiarities of which the Jesuits were accused in the time of Pascal." Besides this, the Church in her doctrine had also become corrupt, especially upon the doctrine of the Lord's Supper. In a threefold way it had been corrupted—by the doctrine of transubstantiation, by withholding the cup from the laity, and by the doctrine of the mass.

*His Work.*—Against all these evils Wiclif thundered out in no less uncertain terms. Though unsuccessful in much he attempted to do, yet he did only what all great men can do who live beyond their age—paved the way for another. Wiclif denounced the friars, with the result that his appointment to the headship of Canterbury Hall was declared void by Archbishop Langham and ratified by the pope. Before this, however, he had rendered valuable assistance to the Parliament and to King Edward III in opposing the tribute money demanded by Pope Urban V. Under the leadership of Wiclif the Parliament rejected this claim, the result being that he gained the ill will of the pope, so that it became necessary for him to have a protector appointed to shield him from papal vengeance. This protector he found in the person of John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster, who, next to the king, had the greatest authority in England.

In 1376 Parliament renewed its assault on pontifical pretensions and exactions. Twenty thousand pounds were exacted annually by the Pope of Rome from England. Against this Wiclif was unsparing in his denunciations; in consequence the hierarchy was forced, under allegiance to Rome, to silence and punish him as a heretic. Wiclif was summoned to appear in St. Paul's Cathedral to make answer for heresy. He was attended by the Duke of Lancaster and the Earl Marshall, the two most powerful men of the kingdom. A violent dispute arising between the Bishop of London and the Duke of Lancaster, this meeting was brought to an abrupt termination. Wiclif was not called on for a word. The pope was infuriated and issued no fewer than five bulls against Wiclif. It was resolved that the work should be thoroughly done this time. Yet from no quarter did these bulls receive a welcome. Several months passed, when Wiclif was again cited to appear at Lambeth. Here he found unexpected support from the people of London, and a still more efficient aid from the queen dowager, the Princess Joan, who sent a message forbidding any sentence against Wiclif. The prelates dropped the proceedings against him, and the vice chancellor, the tool of the pope, was cast into prison and later compelled to resign his office.

Wiclif had won a signal victory, which he followed by publishing a summary of his opinions in thirty-three articles in Latin and English, in which he attacked the infallibility of the pope and the abuses of the clergy.

*His Translation of the Bible.*—Heretofore Wiclif has protested largely against the external evils of the Church. Now he lays the axe at the root of the tree. He begins the translation of the Bible from the Latin Vulgate, and does for England what Luther later did for Germany. He now attacks doctrine. So furious was the outcry against this translation that a bill was introduced in the House of Lords forbidding its perusal, and had it not been for John of Gaunt the bill would have passed. In 1408 a convocation of bishops and clerical dignitaries decreed the reading of the English Bible a heresy to be punished by excommunication. Wiclif died December 31, 1384. In 1415 the Council of Constance declared him a heretic, ordered his books burnt and his bones taken up and cast out of consecrated ground. In 1428 this edict was carried out, his bones burnt and the ashes strewn upon the waters of the Swift, a tributary of the Avon.

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**Themes and Texts** – *Continued*

XXI. Doctrinal—WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THE LORD'S SUPPER. Matthew 26: 26-30.

XXII. Missionary—WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR HOME MISSIONS? I Timothy, 6: 17-19.

XXIII. Doctrinal—THE REAL PRESENCE: AUGSBURG CONFESSION, ART. X, Mark 14: 22-25.

XXIV. Historical—THE WITTENBERG CONCORD. Ephesians 2: 19-22.

# With the Secretary

A REMINDER may be in place. In order to keep the records of our office up to date we need to know whenever there is a change of officers in any of our societies anywhere. We should be notified of the name and address of the new officers. In District and State organizations this is all the more important so the General Secretary may know with whom to correspond with regard to League matters. Of these changes we should be notified without delay. Cannot the proper action be taken at State and District Conventions so the General Secretary may receive this information without delay? By a little thoughtful consideration the work may be greatly aided.

Since last we wrote the REVIEW a Sunday was spent with the Church of the Atonement in New York. A peep was taken at the office of the busy editor of the REVIEW. In Philadelphia we spent an hour in President Stoever's office talking over some important League matters. A short stop was made in Buffalo, where a few calls were made such as time allowed, and the midnight train was taken over the Lehigh Valley Railroad for our next appointment.

The General Secretary's mail informs him that within a week three new Leagues have joined the National and three more inquiries were received. One correspondent write: "We are getting along nicely. At our last business session we took in three new members, so that we have a membership of over thirty. The young people are taking an active part in our Sunday evening meetings, and at the same time they show more interest in the church work." Reports like this are cheering. If you have occasion to write the General Secretary, until October 1 address him care of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, Post Office Box 876, New York City. He will not be there all this time, but the REVIEW will know where to find him, and your communications will receive prompt attention.

May we ask a favor of our State officials? At Buffalo at the National Convention by resolution States were requested to arrange their dates so the General Secretary might attend them. Unfortunately, it so happens that many of our State and District Conventions are meeting on almost the same dates this month. One of our States quite recently amended its constitution so as to allow the State Convention to meet at any time. This was in line with the action at Buffalo, and to allow such adjustment of time as would permit the presence of the General Secretary at the State Convention. It is impossible for the General Secretary to be in several places at the same time, and when you make an appointment with the Secretary for a certain date do not forget to notify him if you change this date. An experience like this is not appreciated. We canot emphasize too strongly this matter of prompt replies to letters. One of our State Presidents, presiding over one of our best State Leagues, told the writer last week he had sent out very many letters in connection with the approaching convention, but so far had failed to receive replies from the vast majority. Is this right? We are sure a little care will correct this oversight. We must put system into our work, and we are sure each one of our thousands of members and of our hundreds of busy officers are willing to help to accomplish this.

LUTHER M. KUHNS.

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### What the Junior Leagues Have Done.

In looking back over the years and seasons the casual heart is prompted to inquire whether it is worth while to maintain the movement of the Junior work.

In answer we add that the best evidence of the usefulness of a thing is its good fruits. What have the Juniors done? We reply that there has been a larger and more widespread interest created in the affairs of God's House, and good work has been furnished to occupy the minds of many who would otherwise have "stood idle." The training of the young has educated them by enabling them to find what talents they have and to develop them. The service rendered has been a loving one. Human reckoning can never account for the number of the poor, the sick and the strangers that have been found and cared for. Junior work has cultivated the religious spirit in many a young heart, memorized many a precious hymn, given direction to many a young life, introduced the Church spirit into many a home and taught us to love good reading; to prize the Holy Bible, to enjoy the Church and Church schools more, and to qualify and equip many for the more strenuous business of later life.

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# Editorial

The LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW offers its readers an educational number this month. As Lutherans we are intensely interested in this subject. A fruit of the Reformation under Luther is the German education and the German university In this issue the readers will find illustrations to acquaint them with some of our educational institutions. The articles are suggestive on the general theme of Christian Education in the Lutheran Church, and are prepared by our educators.

Education has always been recognized as an important factor in Lutheran Church work. Her sons and her daughters have been trained for their great life work in schools since she has been a Church. The Church must continue to train and educate her people to make them useful citizens and intelligent Christians—two things under a government like ours of no mean concern; for intelligent Christian citizenship is a bulwark to any government, more especially a Republic.

Starting as an educational force in a corrupt age, the Lutheran Church has imposed upon her today a problem of no small proportions. Christian education has been the theme of sermons in our pulpits and for its advance prayers have been offered. For a church born in a university the value of education is today more and more appreciated. To maintain our historic position of leadership in educational matters the Church must bestir itself. The need of an advance in our educational work is patent to most of our thinking laity, and our whole people who have given this subject attention are concerned to have the Lutheran Church move forward to the first rank in education in this great Republic. For this our institutions must be loyally supported, and there must be a spirit of increased giving to this great cause. We appeal for a deeper and more practical interest in this great subject on the part of our young people.

Education in the arts and sciences is occupying the minds of the teachers and literary men of this country, and the presidents and faculties are planning for the enlargement of buildings, the increase of teaching force, and the strengthening of the various departments of their institutions. The moneyed men of the country are being interested and their wealth solicited for the advancement of these plans. Pensions are provided for overworked and aged teachers, so that these may not feel the burden of want staring them in the face

or occupying their minds to the hindrance of their studies and teaching ability.

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Our Church institutions are beginning to feel this influence, and the reports which come to us indicate an increase in the number of students, some additions to our faculties, and a growing interest in the finances, as well as some giving. It is to be hoped that this wave of interest will spread still more, and that many of our people who have means will feel it a privilege to give for the education of our Lutheran young people. The wealth of the Lutheran Church is great, although there have been few manifestations of it in large bequests or endowments.

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Certainly it is a cause of regret that the money does not flow into the treasury of the Lord as it should, but there is no use in whining and growing blue because this money is not forthcoming. It never will, until there is an education of the heart and the pocketbook such as our educators are striving to give to the mind and the body. It is sad that this portion of education has been neglected, and that to-day many who have the ability have not the interest, and they lose the blessing which comes in enlarged measure to those who give according as the Lord hath blessed them.

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It is high time that our young people be trained to know what our Church means and what it needs. There has been too much wandering about, and too little attention to our own. We have been ready to confer with and learn from others, passing by the lessons which can be as well and better taught by those of our own communion. We rejoice that the interest in the study of the Word has increased among some of our young people, and it cannot but result in greater interest in the work of the Church and its needed benevolences. Our people have been taught that work which was first done by our Church was begun by someone else, and it is only within the past few years, as our laymen have been studying, that many of these facts have been brought to light, and our young people have been properly informed. We have a noble band of young men and women, many of whom could be made useful in the ministry or in some other service of the Church, but whose attention has not been brought to the duty and enjoyment of the Lord's service.

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Years ago, when the Women's Missionary Society was organized, many thought it was a wrong step, and that our Church would suffer, because the contributions intended for certain purposes would be diverted by these women. But through the interest of these women there has been an enlarged study of our Church's work, earnest attention paid to its history, and much mission work at home and abroad assumed and carried out by them which could not have been cared for by the Church and its boards. If such be the case of the women, how much more so of the young people, who can be much more readily interested at their time of life, and who, as they grow in years, will grow in interest and enthusiasm, and be ready to do more in the way of work and giving.

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Education has been one of the strongest points in the Luther League work, and the aim of its officers and committees is to increase the knowledge of it among its members. It is important, and we are glad to know, that the spiritual side has been brought out prominently in many of our Leagues, and we wish it would be made in all the special feature. The information given in the "Topics" and in the REVIEW have led many to inquire further about their Church and its work, and we believe that the secretaries, as they have gone about the country, have received greater attention because of the information given to the young people through the channels of the League. Would that all our young people were united in the study of the same "Topics" at the same time, that unitedly we might study and labor together to strengthen our Church

in its work, and to assist in the enlargement of its borders and the incitement of many to become ministers of the Word.

Our cover picture has to do with Philip Melanchthon. He was a leading scholar of the Reformation whose ability and learning add lustre to our Lutheran heritage. He is sometimes called "the School Teacher of Germany." As an educator of that period of our Church's history he rightfully has a place in our educational number, and we claim him as our own—a leader of the host of great world-scholars.

Scientists are coming to see that there is spiritual law in the natural world as well as natural law in the spiritual world, of which Professor Drummond wrote so entertainingly. In a lecture Professor Sherman, of the Nebraska University, said: "God is in each operation of nature, in each manifestation, and all God is in each." He carefully guarded against Pantheism, which affirms that not only is God in nature, but also that nature is all there is of God. The new science is not Pantheistic. And when Professor Sherman adds: "We may note that the suggestions of the new science are directly in line with dogmatic notions concerning Deity" we feel thankful for our strong Scriptural Lutheran theology. This means that the first article of The Creed is far from obsolete, even in scientific circles. Sentiment and fact are welded together into one whole in the saying: "God's Word and Luther's doctrine shall abide forever and ever."

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## Publishers' Column

### Prize Story Contest

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The following are the conditions: First, all stories entered for competition must be presented in typewritten form; second, a nom de plume must be used with the story and the key to the nom de plume mailed in a separate envelope to the editor of the REVIEW. All stories must be in the editor's hands not later than October 30, 1905. Third, all stories submitted, whether winning the prize or not, shall be the property of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW. The purpose in offering this prize is to stimulate the literary effort of our young people. These stories will be submitted to a competent committee of three persons who shall be appointed to pass judgment upon the stories and select those three that shall be regarded as winning first, second and third prizes. The nom de plume and name of the writer will appear on the publishing of the story in the REVIEW.

In preparing the story for this contest, care should be exercised in the selection of the plot, the literary finish and development of the plot and the point or teaching in the story. Due regard should be had for originality of conception and individuality in its development. Old manuscripts will not be received.

This contest is open to any and all of our Lutheran constituency. Each one competing should be careful to note the conditions and requirements outlined in this notice.

The new number of the Luther League Topics, with lessons for the quarter beginning September 3, is now ready. If you have not ordered your supply better do so at once. This is a good time to begin the use of the Topics in your League if you are not now using them.

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# Our Churches and Institutions

## In Some of Our Large Cities

**Philadelphia**

—St. Peter's German Lutheran Church, Rev. Ph. J. Hoh, pastor, is about to complete the main audience room of its church edifice. The estimated cost is $25,000.

—At a recent congregational meeting of the Church of the Nativity, Rev. I. C. Hoffman, pastor, it was decided that steps be taken at once to enlarge the present edifice so as to provide for the increasing attendances in church and Sunday schools. The adjoining lot, with house, has been purchased, providing ample room for enlargement. Plans are being drawn, and building is to be begun at once.

**Pittsburg**

—Brushton Avenue Lutheran Church, Rev. S. N. Carpenter, pastor, has grown, in the five years of the present pastorate, from a membership of 80 to 235, has reduced its $6,000 debt to $1,500, and has undertaken to liquidate this balance within a year.

**Duluth**

—The First Swedish Lutheran Church has sold its old church property for $8,500. A new site has been purchased on which a substantial new church building will be erected immediately.

**Detroit**

—The new St. Paul's Church building is nearing completion, and will be ready to be consecrated within a few weeks. Pastor Miller is very much encouraged with the spirit of the people and the prospects of the work.

—Some quiet work is being done in another section of the city, with good prospects that soon there will be the opening of the third General Council English mission in this beautiful, prosperous and strongly Lutheran city.

**Scranton**

—The Slovak congregation at Peckville is making commendable progress under the care of its new pastor, the Rev. Albert Dianiska, who was ordained at the last meeting of the Ministerium. The services are well attended. The Sunday school has been revived; the children meet twice a week, on Sunday and Wednesday, for religious instruction and also for exercise in the Slovak language. The pastor found numerous Lutheran Slovaks who had lived in America for two years without church ministrations. He recently preached at Siegfried, Pa., and found here a promising field for the Slovak cause. He intends to canvass Scranton, Forest City and the surrounding territory.

**Atlanta**

—The first service was held in the new church in Atlanta on August 6th. Dr. Holland, President of the Board of Missions, preached the opening sermon.

**Columbia**

—Services were held on the first Sunday in July for the first time in St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Olympia Mill district, conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. P. Boozer.

**Kansas City**

—Rev. A. B. Shrader, of Carthage, Ill., has accepted a call to the Children's Memorial Church, and has assumed his duties in the new field.

**Harrisburg, Pa.**

—Rev. Theo. B. Thomas was installed as the first pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, in East Harrisburg, on Sunday evening, July 2.

**Binghamton**

—On Sunday, June 25, Rev. C. A. Ritchie was installed pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, succeeding Rev. M. J. Bieber after an elapse of nine months.

**Camden**

—The corner-stone of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Parkside, Camden, N. J., was laid on Sunday, July 16, at 3 p. m., by the pastor, Rev. D. B. Lau.

**Miscellaneous**

—Wittenberg College will receive from Mr. Andrew Carnegie a gift of $30,000 for the erection of a science building if an endowment of $30,000 can be obtained from other sources to maintain the new building and departments.

—Rev. Charles T. Aikens, pastor at Pine Grove Mills, Pa., since 1888, has been elected president of Susquehanna University at Selinsgrove, Pa., to succeed the Rev. Dr. Focht. Rev. Aikens was born in Mifflin County in 1862, and is a graduate of Susquehanna College, and the theological seminary at Gettysburg, Pa., graduating from the latter in 1888.

—Mr. John H. Converse, of Philadelphia, has sent his check for $1,000 to endow a scholarship in Roanoke College, "to be assigned to a young man intending to enter the Christian ministry."

—Mr. C. J. Anderson, a resident of St. Peter, Minn., who recently died, willed all his property to Gustavus Adolphus College. The gift is valued at $2,000.

—On July 18 occurred the laying of the corner-stone for the new Swedish Lutheran Trinity College, at Round Rock, Texas.

—Prof. James Pitcher, D. D., of Hartwick Seminary, New York, died of cancer in the Cooperstown Hospital on Sunday, July 23, at 6 p. m.

—The name of New Orange, N. J., the seat of Upsula College, has been changed to Kenilworth.

—The Board of Trustees of Thiel College, at its meeting May 25, unanimously resolved to apply to the courts of Mercer County for an amendment to its charter permitting the legal removing of the college from Greenville to Greensburg, Pa.

—A bequest of $500 has been received by the Wartburg Orphan Farm School, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., from a late member of the church in Rockville, Conn.

—Dr. S. S. Keller, of Wittenberg faculty, is to be congratulated upon being chosen to the chair of Mathematics in the new Carnegie Technological Institute at Pittsburg, Pa. He was chosen out of hundreds of applicants, it is said.

—The Swedish Lutheran congregation in East Orange, N. J., has bought and paid for a $1,200 building site, and has subscriptions ahead to the amount of $1,200 more toward the erection of a church building that is to seat 300.

—Under the direction of Rev. M. J. Bieber, field missionary, work toward the organization of an English Lutheran Church is being done at New Britain, Conn. The first service was held early in July, and rapid advances are being made.

—St. Luke's Church, in Reading; Emmanuel's Church, in Souderton, and another Lutheran Church in Souderton, are among the Lutheran churches in Pennsylvania which have recently received large tower bells from the Meneely Bell Company, of Troy, N. Y.

## Book Reviews

LUTHER'S WORKS. Vol. XIV.—Luther's Church. Postil. Gospels, 13th to 26th Sunday after Trinity. By Prof. John Nicholas Lenker, D.D. Pp. 395. $2.25 ($1.65 to advance subscribers in the thirteen volumes in present preparation). Lutherans in All Lands Company, Minneapolis, Minn.

We have called attention to previous volumes in this series, and the publication thereof has been receiving strong and commendatory notice from all sources. Every Lutheran needs to read, next to his Bible, the writings of Luther. They are now being presented in English through these volumes, and are thus made available to those who cannot read German. This volume presents matter not previously translated into English; Luther's House Postil has been thus rendered, but not the fine sermons of the Church Postils. Twenty-three sermons are here offered, covering the period from the Thirteenth to the Twenty-sixth Sundays after Trinity, two sermons being given for nine of the Sundays. Some additional pages, especially Lutheran statistics for 1905, are included. The dedication is fittingly to the late Prof. E. J. Wolf, D.D., LL.D. We hope that Professor Lenker's huge undertaking will be carried to a successful conclusion, and will receive the wide support it deserves.

### Season Vespers

Archer & Reed, Philadelphia, Board of Publication of the General Council, C. B. Opp, business manager. 50 cents. The book contains the full text of the vesper service with a hymn of invocation, music for the responses, antiphons, psalms and canticles for every season of the church year with proper music. It is a book that will be of great practical service to organists, choirs and pastors. The form is excellent. The typography is clear and good; easily read. For our Lutheran choirs it will prove to be a timely publication. Work of this sort in our Lutheran Church is in keeping with our musical character as a Church.

### The Church of Christ

By a Layman. Pp. 336. $1 net. Funk & Wagnalls Company, New York and London.

This book rambles disjointedly through the Gospels and Acts and manages to cover in practical form many theological questions in its course. The author is evidently at heart an evangelical Christian and knows his Bible, but is frequently unfortunate in his distinctions and fails to use terms (e. g., faith) in their scriptural, evangelical sense.

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### National Finance Committee

—The attention of officers of State, district and local societies connected with the Luther League of America is called to the important circular letter sent out by the National Finance Committee. Many societies have not sent in their per capita contribution to the General Secretary Fund and the work of the National League. Will those who have not done so please send their contributions promptly to the Treasurer, Mr. John F. Dinkey, 14 Avenue B, Vick Park, Rochester, N. Y.

### NEW YORK

—The twelfth convention of the Luther League of New York State will be held in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hudson,

N. Y., Rev. Paul W. Koler, pastor, September 19, 20 and 21, 1905. All societies connected with Lutheran Churches in New York State and Canada are entitled to representation, whether connected with a District League or not, and all are most cordially invited to send delegates. Each society is entitled to two delegates and each District League to five delegates. Absent delegates are entitled to representation by duly accredited alternates. All societies are urged to elect delegates and alternates promptly. The Executive Committee has spared no pains to make the program practical and instructive, as well as attractive, and feels assured that all the delegates and visitors will be greatly benefited by attendance at the convention. A number of especially well known League workers have accepted invitations to speak. The convention motto is "The Luther League: Onward—Upward." All papers and addresses will centre upon these subjects. Let each one make a sacrifice in order to be present.

## NEW JERSEY.

—A rally under the auspices of the State League will be held on Thursday, September 21, in Grace Lutheran Church, Newark, the Rev. M. S. Waters, pastor. The vesper service will be conducted by the Rev. Chas. T. McDaniel, President of the State League. The motto of the meeting will be: "Loyalty." Two addresses are expected to be delivered—one on "Loyalty to Christ," by Rev. S. G. Weishotten, of Brooklyn, N. Y., the other by Rev. Elmer W. Fulper, of Jersey City, N. J., on "Loyalty to the Church." There will be music by the choir of Grace Church, and everything will be done to make the meeting successful.

—The Luther League of Holy Trinity Church, Elizabeth, Rev. F. C. Krapf, pastor, will go on its annual trolley ride to Eagle Rock on Tuesday, August 15.

## PENNSYLVANIA.

—The twelfth annual convention of the Luther League of Pennsylvania will be held in the St. Mark and St. Lutheran Churches, Williamsport, October 24 and 25. There will be two sessions on the 24th and three on the 25th. The general theme of the addresses will be "Service." The program will be: October 24—Afternoon—"Practical Preparation for Service," P. Walter Banker, Wilkes-Barre; "Spiritual Preparation for Service," Rev. C. R. Botsford, Northumberland. Evening—"Reaching Young Men," William N. McNair, Pittsburg; "Retaining Young Men," H. G. Deininger, Philadelphia. October 25—Morning—"Special Service in the Church," Kathryn B. Meister, Lancaster; "Special Service Outside the Church," Albert Oettinger, Philadelphia. Afternoon—"Achievements of the League in Service," Rev. H. F. J. Seneker, Easton. Evening—"Luther, the Reformer," Rev. John B. Focht, D. D., Selinsgrove; "For What Does the Lutheran Church Stand?" Rev. John A. W. Haas, D.D., Allentown.

### Pittsburg District

—Under the auspices of the Luther League of the Pittsburg District, a reunion of Lutherans from Pittsburg, Wheeling and the Beaver and Ohio valleys was held July 11, at Hot Springs Park, Chester, W. Va., opposite East Liverpool. An army of 2,500 people, most of them Leaguers, with light hearts but heavy laden baskets, mobilized upon the banks of the picturesque Ohio and rested a day. The Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D. D., President of the General Council, and Rev. Prof. D. H. Bauslin, D. D., President of the General Synod, were the orators of the day. Each delivered a masterly, eloquent and pleasing address.

### Lancaster District

—A Lutheran outing and reunion under League auspices will be held at Rocky Springs Park, Lancaster, on Friday, August 18. An interesting program of addresses and music has been prepared, and a very successful outing is expected.

### Berks County District

—On Thursday, July 20, the District Luther League of Berks County held its forty-seventh quarterly convention at Topton. Twenty of the local Leagues were represented. The day sessions were held in the Orphans' Home grove and that of the evening in St. Peter's Church, in the town. The opening services in the morning were conducted by Rev. E. F. Keever, those of the afternoon by Rev. A. M. Weber, and those of the evening by Rev. J. O. Henry. The morning session was devoted to routine business. In the afternoon Rev. Keever delivered an address on the "Protestant Idea of Good Works"; Miss Bessie Lotz read a paper on "Deaconesses," and Miss Anna M. Landis, Secretary of the State League, presented the greetings of that body. J. Wilmer Fisher delivered an address on "Our Duty to Children." In the evening Rev. O. E. Pflueger addressed the convention on "Our Church's Glory." In the absence of the regular secretary, Miss Lillie Geiger, of Hope Church, Reading, filled the office. The Home was prettily decorated in honor of the event, and the Orphans' Home Orchestra furnished the music, closing with the "Gloria in Excelsis."

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**Northwestern District**

—The thirteenth annual convention of the District Luther League of Northwestern Pennsylvania will be held in the Swedish Lutheran Church, Titusville, Rev. Oscar Nelson, pastor, August 22-24. The general topics for discussion will be: I. "The Devotional Work of the Luther League." II. "The Missionary Activities of the League." III. "The Educational Work of the League." Zoe I. Hirt, Secretary.

## VIRGINIA.

—The Luther League in Richmond is proving to be useful to the church and encouraging to the pastor, Rev. Chas. A. Marks. The number of members is not great, but there is plainly seen a spiritual growth. Each Leaguer attends the meetings regularly and takes an intelligent part in the study of the topics and in the other work of the League. The officers and committees are strongly supported. On July 21 the reports of the president, secretary and treasurer for the six months ending June 30 were rendered, and gave a very gratifying synopsis of the work accomplished. Meetings are continued throughout the summer. On July 18 a moonlight excursion was given to Dutch Gap for the benefit of the church's building fund. A substantial sum was realized.

## OHIO.

—The Luther League of Ohio will meet in its tenth annual convention in the Christian Endeavor Memorial Church, Cleveland, Rev. H. C. Hadley, pastor, August 30 and 31. Delegates and visitors desiring entertainment must report to Pastor Hadley, No. 84 Irvington street, not later than August 20. Estella Hartman, Secretary.

—At a recent meeting of the League at East Liverpool the following officers were elected: President, S. Luther Gilbert; vice president, Harry Mehlman; secretary, Minnie Agner; treasurer, Cecelia Auberger. The League is progressing slowly but surely, adding one or two members each month. Interest and activity are increasing. The League expects to entertain the next convention of the Pittsburg District League. The library which the League started recently is being very well patronized.

## INDIANA.

—The eighth annual convention of the Luther League of Indiana will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, August 29 and 30, at Mishawaka, a beautiful city in the northwestern part of the State, in the First English Lutheran Church, Rev. M. E. Bolten, pastor. Mishawaka may be reached by the L. S. & M. S. and the Grand Trunk railroads east and west. From the south it may be reached by the Vandalia line to South Bend, thence by street car lines four miles east. It may also be reached by Big Four line either to Goshen or Elkhart,


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thence by Interurban to Mishawaka. Those coming from the south may take advantage of special rates to Winona Lake. Each society is requested to send two delegates in addition to the pastor. Any society not now a member may become such by sending delegates. The people of Mishawaka offer free entertainment to all delegates and visitors who give notice in time to Pastor M. E. Bolten. A good program is in process of preparation. L. J. Motschman, President.

**La Porte District**

—The Luther League of the La Porte District held its seventh annual convention in the Swedish Lutheran Church, La Porte, July 16. Three hundred delegates and visitors attended the sessions of the convention, which were presided over by Rev. D. A. Lafgren, of Michigan City. The church was packed for the divine services in the morning, when Rev. V. Setterdahl, of Chesterton, preached the sermon from John viii., 1-11. The liturgical services were conducted by Dr. M. Wahlstrom, of Chicago, and Rev. J. F. Borg, of South Bend, while the music, which was of a high order, was furnished by the La Porte and Michigan City choirs. At the afternoon session Dr. M. Wahlstrom spoke on "Why We Are Lutherans." He referred to the fact that nearly all of those who are within the Lutheran Church were born and reared Lutherans and were confirmed in that faith. He emphasized the Lutherans' belief in the teachings and faith of the church, and in God's word as its foundation and the means of our salvation. The speaker deprecated the tendency of the present time to discuss "burning questions" of the day from the pulpit. He said that the Lutheran Church confines itself to the exposition of evangelical questions. The Lutheran faith is preached in more languages than any other in the world. The Lutheran Church has increased rapidly during the past century, and to-day its faith is taught in almost every country on the globe. The general secretary, Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, spoke on "The Purposes of the League." At the delegates' meeting the question of affiliation with the State organization was discussed, but the matter was laid over until the next convention. There are now ten local Leagues, with 347 members, belonging to the District League. The evening program consisted of music and addresses on home and foreign missions by Rev. F. A. Bonander, Rev. L. M. Kuhns and Dr. M. Wahlstrom. The convention was greatly enjoyed by all and was full of inspiration for the Luther Leaguers of the La Porte District.

## ILLINOIS.

—The Luther League of Illinois will hold its eleventh annual convention in the Swedish Lutheran Church, Moline, Rev. L. A. Johnston, D.D., pastor, September 14, 15, 16, 17, 1905. The executive committee has prepared a very strong and interesting program. Dr. T. E. Schmouk, president of the General Council, has been invited as one of the speakers. The Sunday afternoon rally will be held in the chapel of Augustana College and Theological Seminary. This institution is located a short distance from the Moline Lutheran Church. The motto of the Luther League "Of the Church, by the Church and for the Church," will be the general theme of the convention. Let every District and local League send the full quota of delegates. The Western Passenger Association has granted us reduced rates on the railroads. Carl Christenson, President.

**Chicago District**

—The Luther League of Chicago enjoyed its annual excursion to Michigan City, Ind., July 22. The new steamship Indianapolis was filled to its capacity and the trip was ideal. The management had all its arrangements so perfect that it could scarcely have been otherwise.

## IOWA.

—The second annual convention of the Luther League of Iowa will be held at Slater, August 29-31, 1905. This place is located on the C. & N. W. and the C., M. & St. P. Ry., about 26 miles north of Des Moines, and is easily accessible from all parts of the State. All Leagues and local societies whose representatives took part in the convention at Fort Dodge are entitled to the honor of charter members of the State League. Other Leagues or local societies desiring to affiliate with the State League should send applications for membership to Rev. W. H. Blancke, President State League, 1412 Main street, Davenport, Ia., or to Rev. Sletten, Chairman Credential Committee, Eagle Grove, Ia. Such applications should be sent not later than August 20, 1905, and must be accompanied by a copy of the constitution and by-laws of said League or society. Any young people's society of whatever name connected with and under the government of a Lutheran congregation or a Lutheran institution of learning within the bounds of the State is eligible to membership and is earnestly requested to send in their applications in time to be acted on by

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the coming convention. Please write at once for credential blanks to the corresponding secretary, O. J. Viland, Slater, Ia. Each District League may send five delegates to every State convention and each local League is entitled to two delegates, whether it belongs to a District League or has membership only in the State League. A cordial invitation is hereby extended to Lutheran young people's societies of the State to send their full quota of delegates to this convention, and thus become active participants in this great movement among our young people. W. H. Blancke, President.

### SWEDEN.

—The young People's League of Sweden celebrated its third anniversary about the middle of June. The League is composed of the churchly young people of Sweden, who are laboring for a closer union and a better understanding of church matters, and for counteracting the influences which lead the young away from the church and from Christianity. Although only three years old, the League already has 145 local organizations and a membership of about 6,000. The president of the League is Prof. A. Kolmodin; the vice president, Rev. E. Rang; the secretary, Miss M. Lagerfelt; and the treasurer is Mr. John Erikson, a wholesale merchant.

## Daily Bible Readings.

Aug. 28. Monday—John 1: 1-17.
Tuesday—Ephesians 2: 1-9.
Wednesday—Romans 11: 1-6.
Thursday—Acts 15: 6-11.
Friday—II Corinthians 12: 1-9.
Saturday—Romans 4: 4-13.

Sept. 3. XI Trinity—Titus 2: 11-14.
Monday—Micah 1: 1-16.
Tuesday—Micah 2: 1-13.
Wednesday—Micah 3: 1-12.
Thursday—Micah 4: 1-13.
Friday—Micah 5: 1-15.
Saturday—Micah 6: 1-16.

Sept. 10. XII Trinity—Acts 28: 22-31.
Monday—Micah 7: 1-20.
Tuesday—Proverbs 3: 27-35.
Wednesday—Thessalonians 2: 1-17.
Thursday—Hebrews 13: 9-25.
Friday—Galatians 1: 1-24.
Saturday—II Corinthians 13: 1-14.

Sept. 17. XIII Trinity—Romans 10: 11-21.
Monday—Amos 1: 1-15.
Tuesday—Amos 2: 1-16.
Wednesday—Amos 3: 1-15.
Thursday—Amos 4: 1-13.
Friday—Amos 5: 1-27.
Saturday—Amos 6: 1-14.

Sept. 24. XIV Trinity—I Samuel 8: 1-9.
Monday—John 3: 1-7.
Tuesday—John 8: 30-45.
Wednesday—Acts 2: 37-47.
Thursday—Romans 1: 1-17.
Friday—Phillippians 2: 12-16.
Saturday—II Corinthians 3: 1-11.

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### Literature for Juniors

It may be helpful to remind our numerous readers of the handy and useful Tracts issued several years ago, and the valuable booklet issued several years ago, "The History, Doctrine and Worship of the Evangelical Lutheran Church," by Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, D.D., of New York City. Rev. T. E. Schmauk, D.D., of Lebanon, Pa., has prepared, in a beautifully condensed form, at 1½ cents each, a dainty little work called "The Lutheran Church." "Why We Are Lutherans" was written by Mr. Andrew Busch, of New York city, and is well worth perusal. Its cost is but 5 cents. "Historical Lutheranism," by Mrs. Harriet E. Monroe, is another noble little work issued at 5 cents each. Any of these can be gotten through the agency of THE REVIEW. The Topics are our standards for Bible study, wherever they can be used, and the pretty booklets by Chas. W. Fuhr, of 1911 Forbes street, Pittsburg, Pa., for use both at home and in the League, furnish a fine variety of useful help in the Leagues of today.

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The Twenty-third Psalm.

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The One Hundred and Third Psalm.

The Beatitudes, St. Matthew, 5:3-12.

The Lost Sheep and Coin, St. Luke, 15:1-10.

I. Corinthians, xiii.

### And Among the Hymns

"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds."

"Jesus! Lover of My Soul."

"Now, Thank We All Our God."

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Is your League doing any special work for the orphans, the Lord's Day, mercy to animals, the sick, etc.?

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If our League is to have the young people in full connection with the House of God, it is highly important to plan work for them to do, and see that each is doing something, even though it be but a little.

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"Summer, with all its pleasant days of rest and recreation, will soon be gone, and nothing remain but the pleasant recollections of our vacation days. Refreshed and strengthened by our season of rest, we go back to our duties with renewed vigor."—*The late Herman J. Haendle.*

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